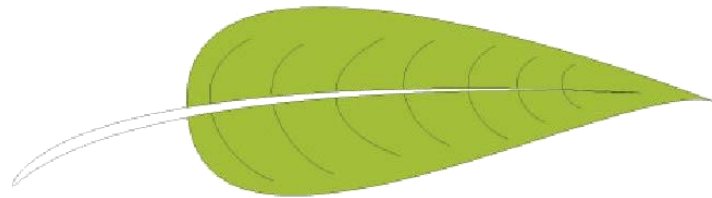




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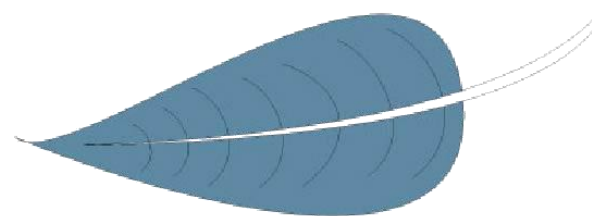


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Teaching Assistant Training Program

**TA Orientation** | September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 | 9AM – 1:30PM | Agora Cafe, McMillan

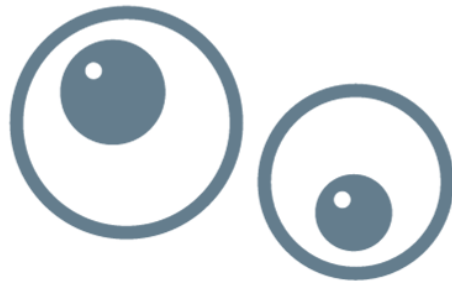


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# Who are you?

Who is a new TA?



Look around you!

Find a new buddy!





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# Who are you?

Introduce yourself with the course  
you will TA and ask your new  
buddy **1 QUESTION** you may have.





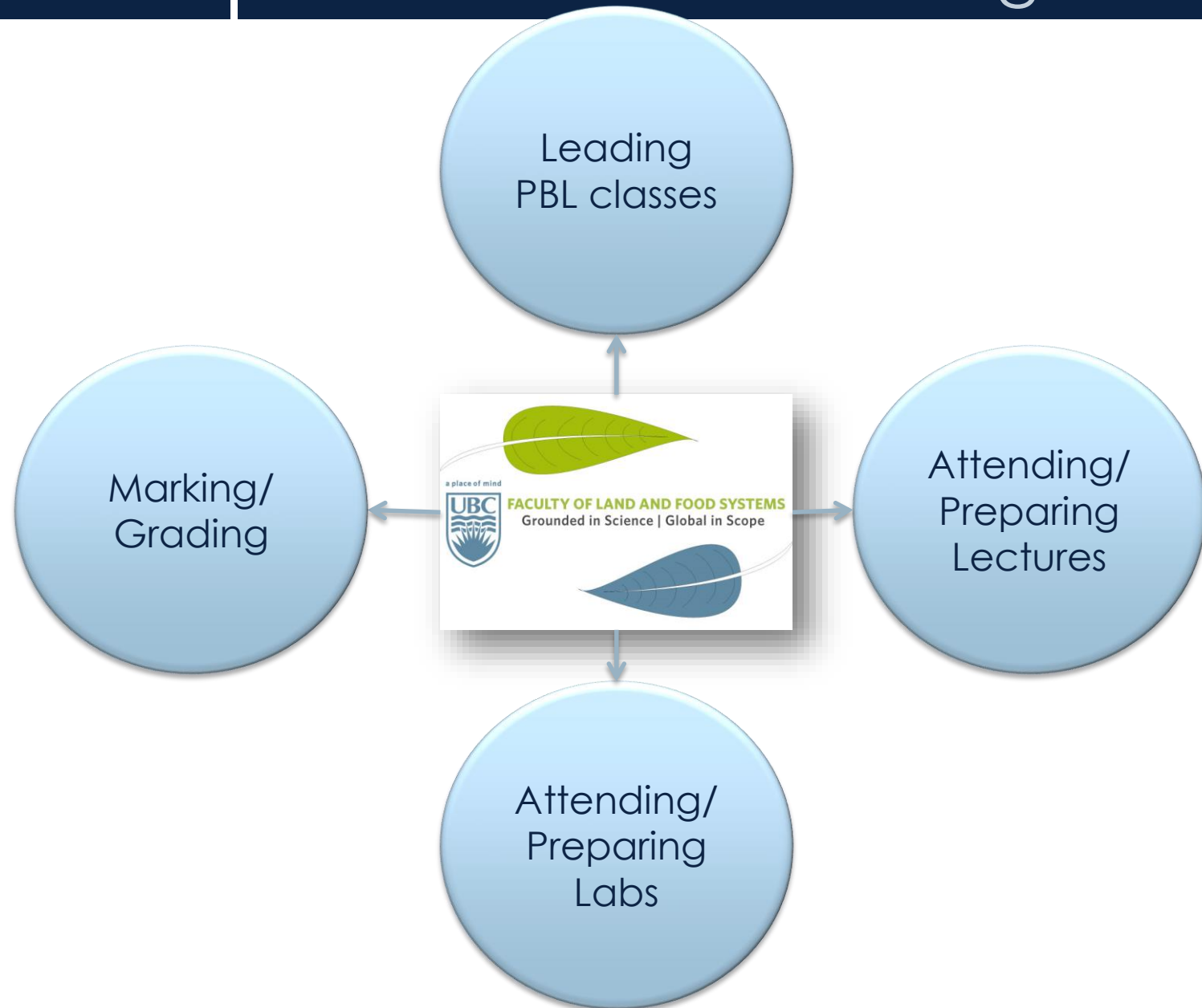
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# Being an LFS TA





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# Being an LFS TA

What are your responsibilities?





## Responsibilities...

- Ensure your TA responsibilities are **clearly defined!**
- Open **communication** about expectations.
- Ask guided questions (page 7 in the 2015 TA Manual).
- Ask for a summary of the time you should allot to each task.
- Have **regular check-ins**.
- Participate in **feedback**.

1:00PM Candice Rideout



## Professionalism as a Teaching Assistant

- Being **prepared** for your duties
- **Conducting** yourself in a respectable manner
- Handling **disagreements** appropriately





# Important Contacts

TA Handbook pg. 23

Who do I talk to if I reached my maximum hours?

Who do I ask if I didn't get paid?

Where can I meet more TAs?

Where can I get reimbursed?

How can I gain more experience in being a TA?

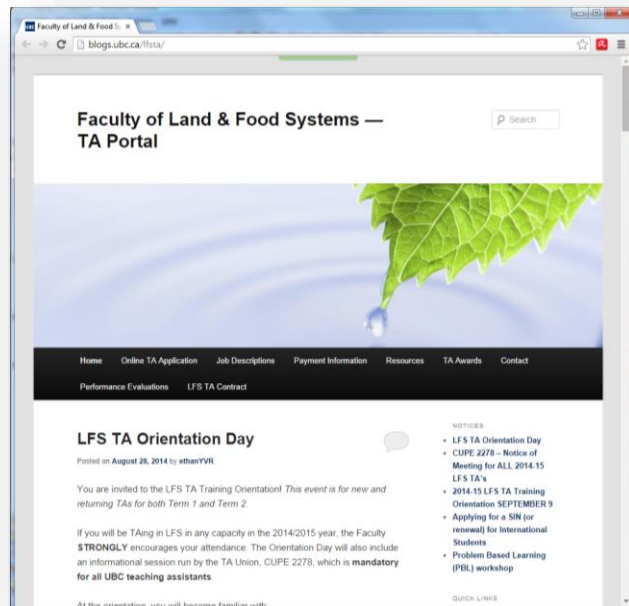
Where can I borrow a projector?



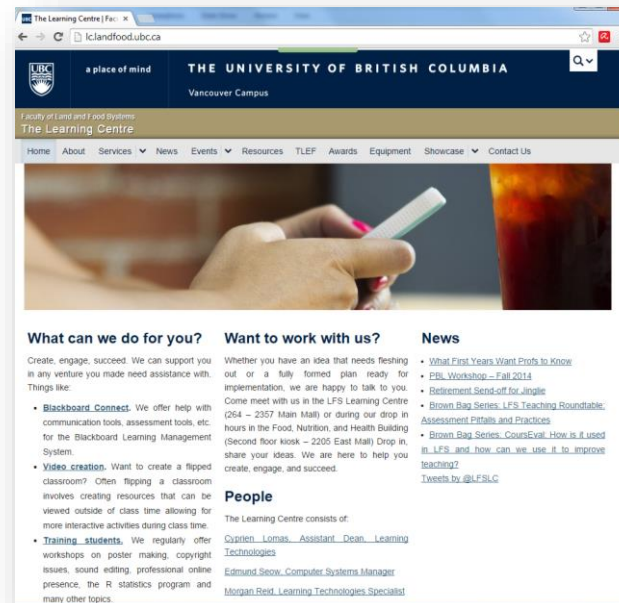
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# Further Resources



[www.blogs.ubc.ca/lfst](http://www.blogs.ubc.ca/lfst)



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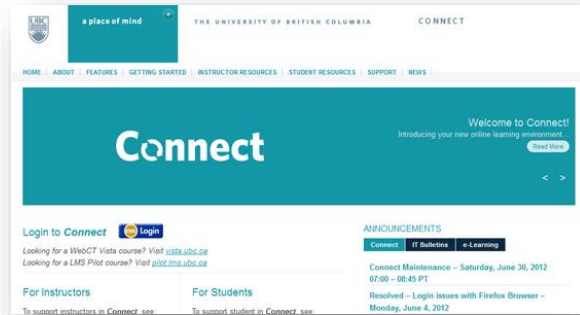
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# LFS TA Training Program



On Connect:

Self-enroll into the TA Training Course on Connect.

How to:

<http://elearning.ubc.ca/connect/student-resources/self-enrol-to-a-non-credit-or-workshop-course-how-to/>

Course name: LFS Teaching Assistant Training  
ID: WS.UBC.LFS\_TA\_Training.2015W  
Code: AAFHIFFLPS

**SEE YOUR EMAIL!**



**LFS TA Training**



## Acquired Competencies:

- Provide **clear, student centered instruction** in different settings.
- Facilitate small group interactions effectively
- Competently, efficiently, and fairly **assess a variety of assignment types**.
- Be respectful and aware of different disciplines, cultures, backgrounds, and learning styles.
- Integrate **conflict resolution skills** and principles in the interactions with students and course instructors
- Participate in a supportive community of teaching practice with other TAs and instructors in the Faculty





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# LFS TA Training Program

## Anything additional for my CV?

By attending a minimum of **FOUR** of this year's TA Training events → You will receive an acknowledgment letter from the Faculty



LFS TA Training



## Workshops:

# 1. Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW)

Where? CTLT

When? Oct 17, 18, 24  
Jan 16, 23, 24

- Develop or enhance your instructional skills through a learner-centered approach
- Work closely with peers and trained facilitators to teach 3 short lessons and receive feedback
- Receive a Certificate of Completion and entry on your **transcript** indicating that you have participated in the ISW





## Workshops:

# 2. Marking & Assessment

Where? FNH

When? TBA

- Create a grading rubric
- Learn how our expectations may change with classes
- Learn methods for providing constructive feedback
- Strategies for how to mark and provide feedback
- On assignments from students of different backgrounds





## Workshops:

### 3. Facilitation in the Classroom

Where? CTLT

When? Mar 7

- Develop and enhance your presentation and facilitation skills
- Learn how to provide clear, student-centered instructions
- Learn how to work with small groups effectively
- Work closely with your peer and provide constructive feedback





# LFS TA Training Program

## Workshops: 4. Community of Practice



Where?	FNH and MCML
When?	Nov 9, 12PM Dec 8, 12PM Feb 3, 12PM Mar 24, 12PM

- Enjoy your lunch in a community and share your experiences
- Teaching themes, discussions, guest speakers
- Submit your ideas to [schrod10@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:schrod10@mail.ubc.ca)



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# Thank You!

9:00-9:30 AM	<i>Welcome Coffee</i>
9:30-10:00 AM	Welcome By TA Training Program Coordinators and Dean Rickey Yada
10:15-11:00 AM	<b>Session 1:</b> Case Studies By TA Training Program Coordinators
11:00 AM-11:30 AM	TA Union Orientation (MANDATORY) By CUPE 2278
11:30-12:00 PM	<b>Session 2:</b> Q&A By TA Coordinators (Shelley Small)
12:00-1:00 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>
1:00-1:30 PM	<b>Session 3:</b> New MANDATORY 2015/16 TA Evaluation Program By Dr Candice Rideout
1:30 PM	<i>Networking Coffee and Closing</i>